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St. Louis County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update

On 3/31/2020, St. Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH) received notification of the death of an 80-89 year old man with chronic medical conditions. This is the fourth death in St. Louis County.

Essential Businesses

This is a challenging time for everyone in our community. We continue to encourage our businesses to comply with the Stay at Home Order which went into effect on March 23, 2020. By complying with this order, we can minimize the spread of COVID-19, and therefore limit the economic impact this virus has on our community. Businesses not complying with the Essential Business portion of the Stay at Home Order can expect enforcement action to begin in the near future.

Examples of essential businesses are doctor's offices, pharmacies, grocery stores, take-out restaurants, gas stations, plumbers and electricians, banks, and laundromats. A more comprehensive list is below.

Businesses that are not essential include, but are not limited to, dine-in restaurants, beauty salons, and gyms.

If businesses that are not essential are continuing their operations, please report these violations of the Executive Order. This can be done to the St. Louis County Counselor by email to countycounselorcoronavirus@stlouisco.com or online by visiting <https://stlouisco.com/Your-Government/County-Executive/COVID-19/COVID-19-Reporting-Executive-Order-Violations>.

The complete Stay at Home Order can be found at <https://stlouisco.com/portals/8/docs/document%20library/CountyExecutive/Executive%20Orders/Stay%20at%20Home%20Order.pdf>.

Essential Businesses include:

- Health care operations and essential infrastructure
- Grocery stores, farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, and convenience stores. These include stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences
- Food and beverage production, processing, and distribution, including farming, ranching, fishing, dairies, creameries, wineries, and breweries
- Manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services

- Organizations that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities to vulnerable individuals
- Gas stations and auto supply, auto repair, and bicycle repair facilities
- Banks, insurance providers, real estate firms, and related financial institutions
- Hardware stores
- Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, landscaping, private security, and others providing services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and operation of residences, essential activities, and essential businesses
- Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes
- Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided that social distancing of 6 feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible
- Schools and other entities that typically provide food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only
- Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers
- Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for drive-thru, delivery, or carry out
- Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home, including telecom services
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate, including tech support, signage, and storage
- Businesses that ship or deliver food or goods directly to residences
- Airlines, taxis, rail, and others providing transportation services necessary for essential activities and other purposes expressly authorized in the order
- Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children
- Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children
- Businesses that provide pet care, including animal shelters and boarding facilities
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist with legally mandated activities; or to exercise constitutional rights, including but not limited to obligations under any court rule or order and for activities of essential businesses
- Businesses that offer childcare services, but only to the extent that they provide services to people who are necessary employees of essential businesses and government functions, and provided that they take reasonable actions to comply with social distancing conditions

Contact Information

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline can be reached at (877)435-8411.

St. Louis County has created a website dedicated to the dissemination of information relating to COVID-19, www.stlcorona.com. Please visit that website or those belonging to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) for the most current and reputable information.



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